EDUCATION.

Summary of discussion.—Classes for all the optional subjects prescribed for the B. A. Degree Examination may be opened in the two first grade Colleges of Bangalore and Mysore. There are at present chairs for Mathematics in both the Colleges; of these one may be abolished. Biology and Philosophy should be taught. One single college for the whole Province with provision for all subjects is desirable.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Biology is now taught in the Central College, Bangalore.

Subject No. 14.
Educational Text books in Kannada.

Summary of discussion.—The same text books on History and Geography are prescribed for boys in the first class as for those studying in the Lower Secondary class. Beginners find it very difficult to read these books. Text books suitable to the standard may be introduced. The same people who write the text books also sit on the Text Book Committee.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Inspector General of Education for consideration and early disposal.

Subject No. 15.
(a) Increasing the number of Hobli Schools in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) For the spread of Education in the Malnad, the number of Hobli Schools may be increased.

(b) Increasing the number of village Schools.

(*b*) The number of village schools may be increased.

Reply of Government to (*a*) & (*b*).—This is being done as far as possible.

Subject No. 16.
(a) Increase of pay to village school masters.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The emoluments of the village school master may be raised so as to make the post more attractive to intelligent men than at present. The pay should at least be Rs. 7 and 10, the present salary of Rs. 5 and 7 being too small.

Mr. Mallikarjunappa of Mysore Taluk said that the pay of the schoolmasters should not be less than Rs. 8 and that it should be made to rise by increments according to merit to Rs. 15 as in the case of Revenue Gumastas.

(b) Taluk & Hobli school masters.

(*b*) The Taluk and Hobli School Masters may be shown the same concession as the officials of other Departments, who receive periodical additions to their salary.

Reply of Government.—(*a*) & (*b*) Under consideration. The Government will do whatever may be feasible.

Subject No. 17.
Progress in Hobli Schools.

Summary of discussion.—The progress made in our Hobli Schools is slow. The pupils remain in the same class for five or six years without promotion, and instances of their passing examinations are rare. In order to secure efficient teaching, a rule may be laid down requiring that a certain number of pupils should pass the examinations every year.